

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicants' attorneys appreciate the Examiner's thorough search and remarks.

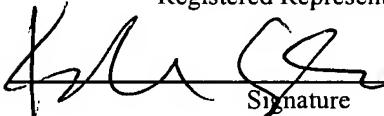
Claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by Amali et al. (Amali), U.S. Patent No. 7,045,859. Reconsideration is requested.

Claim 1 is directed at a DC-DC converter that includes a synchronous semiconductor device and a control semiconductor device series connected with said synchronous device. However, Amali does not disclose a DC-DC converter with a synchronous device and a control semiconductor device series connected with said synchronous device. Thus, Amali does not anticipate claim 1. Reconsideration is requested.

Moreover, because Amali and the present application were subject to assignment to a common entity, namely, International Rectifier Corporation, at the time of filing of the present application, Amali should not be cited as a reference pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §103(c).

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

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